

Luther Coates

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

Luther Coates was born Feb. 12, 1908 in Wayne County, North Carolina, a son of John Green and Suzanne Murphy Coates. He attended school only to the third grade. When he was twelve years old, his father died and he was hired out for six dollars a month.

He married Martha Myers in 1891. Two children were born, David and Carrie. David died in infancy, his wife in 1897.

He was converted to the Latter-day Saints through the Voice of Warning. He was baptized May 1899, by Richard Harkness. He was ordained teacher and priest in 1900.

He came to Utah in 1901. He worked in Murray, helping to build the Smelter.

He was ordained an Elder and married Emma Lundgren in 1902 in the Salt Lake Temple by John R. Winder.

He bought the Lundgren homestead in 1904 and built a new home on the farm in 1925. He sent two of his children on missions, L. Carlos and Ethel.

He served as counselor in the Elder's Quorum and the Mutual Improvement Association and was chairman of the Genealogy Committee and a Stake Missionary. He has been a ward teacher for forty one years. He was ordained a seventy in 1906, and a High Priest in 1914. He was very active in politics.

He has eight children, twenty-four grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. He is well known by the young and old for his wit and good humor.